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Security beefed up

Campus safety studied following assaults

By BILL WOLCOTT
Editorial page editor

Due to the alleged sexual assaults on campus, security has increased the number of patrols on campus and the administration is developing workshops on personal safety.

The actions are in response to seven separate incidents of sexual harassment spanning a nine-month period, along with a more recent unrelated report of sexual harassment just last month.

Officers who patrol county facilities nearby, such as the airport, will now occasionally patrol the parking lots of the campus, in addition to the four full-time security

at BCC, Carl Fenescey, head of Broome County Security said.

"When their free we send them down by the campus," Fenescey said.

Because of the Nov. 15 article in the Fulcrum on the sexual assaults on campus, another woman has come forward and filed a sexual harassment complaint against Edmund Rajner, Fenescey said.

Rajner, a BCC student, had been previously charged with four counts of sexual harassment, a misdemeanor, and two counts sexual abuse in the third-degree, a felony.

Rajner now stands accused of approaching seven different women on

campus, between April 28 and Oct. 4. In all of the incidents Rajner approached the women, at first commenting on the earrings the women were wearing, and in two of the incidents Rajner allegedly grabbed the women's breast.

"I'm happy that she read the paper and came forward, Fenescey said.

Fenescey said that he had expected more than one woman to come forward after the article was published in the Fulcrum.

Rajner was arraigned in the Town of Dickinson court and at that time was issued appearance tickets and was released. Fenescey said that as far as he knew Rajner was still attending classes at BCC.

John J. Pierog, vice president of student affairs, said that he was unable to comment on any steps the college might take in terms of academic discipline for Rajner.

On page five of the Student Code of Conduct in dealing with academic discipline of students "the college will not take action affecting a student's status while his/her case is before the courts and awaiting final determination."

In a statement by BCC President Donald A. Dellow published in the Campus Communicator, a weekly college newsletter published by the administration for

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IBM gives college high-tech equipment



Patrick Toole, IBM senior vice president and general manager, left, and Elliot J. Actor, manager of IBM and CIM Higher Education, present a plaque marking the college's participation in the program to President Donald A. Dellow.

By KENT BRONSON

BCC has been presented with a grant for \$250,000 worth of state-of-the-art CIM educational tools by the IBM corporation.

"Our joining the IBM consortium is the first of what I hope are many of our partnerships with business and industry to maintain innovative leadership in the area," said BCC President Donald Dellow.

CIM, which stands for computer integrated manufacturing, is the process by which manufacturers link departments such as design and engineering to marketing and planning through use of a computer.

The college is one of 57 colleges and universities chosen by IBM in a nationwide selection process, part of the CIM in Higher Education Program, designed to promote greater understanding and use of CIM tools and technologies.

The grant is a continuation of a partnership with IBM that was established several years ago when BCC was given a 4381 and other related computer-graphics equipment for training IBM employees and instructing students. CIM courses

will be offered by BCC in the spring 1990 semester.

"With this alliance, IBM and BCC continue a history of working together to allow BCC to have equipment and software resources that would otherwise be out of our reach financially," said Dellow. "With this computer equipment and software, BCC will develop demonstrations in CIM, integrate CIM concepts into more of our coursework and generally serve as a developing resource in this area for local businesses and industries."

Broome County Executive Timothy Grippen also commented on the grant, saying "The keystone of our efforts to provide the education needed for young people is here at our community college. BCC has been - and will remain - the foundation of higher education for Broome County's business and industry. We also recognize that we cannot fulfill this mission alone."

"We need the cooperation of local business and industry to help us supply students with the tools they need for training," added Grippen. "In selecting BCC for this generous donation of equipment, IBM has made a tremendous investment in our college and in our future."

Panel: Education key to AIDS battle

By KENT BRONSON

AIDS is here.

That was the message of World AIDS Day last Friday organized to draw attention to a problem growing locally as well as globally.

BCC and the Southern Tier AIDS Program marked the day with a panel discussion and the showing of the film *We Bring the Quilt*.

The panel, which featured five speakers, addressed a small crowd of about forty people on different aspects of the AIDS crisis as it affects us locally, and stressed the fact that AIDS is no longer an issue affecting only larger cities such as New York and San Francisco.

"Providing AIDS education is a high priority at BCC," said BCC Director of Health Services Mary Ligouri, who spoke first. "We are taking preventive and edu-

cational measures."

Ligouri said that BCC was one of the first colleges in New York state to pass an official AIDS policy, which deals with educating students and employees of the college on the facts about AIDS, including that "students or employees with any type of HIV infection do not pose a risk to other students or employees."

HIV stands for human immunodeficiency virus, which attacks and destroys a particular type of blood cell that is important in the body's immune system, weakening the body's natural defense against diseases and infections, resulting in AIDS.

BCC also has policies dealing with AIDS-related harassment and discrimination on campus, said Ligouri, and an advisory committee has been appointed by Vice President of Student Affairs John Pierog to handle all AIDS issues as they arise and also to periodically review the

campus AIDS policy.

The second speaker was Barbara Coyle, coordinator of STAP, who approached from the angle of community education.

"AIDS is preventable," said Coyle. "No one, with the information that we have today, needs to become infected with the HIV virus."

Coyle said that the Southern Tier AIDS Program, which originated in Binghamton and Johnson City in 1984, is trying more than ever to promote awareness about the epidemic by getting involved in activities such as showing films and plays dealing with the subject.

She said that now that people have the information, the next step is to promote a behavior change.

"It is going to be more difficult to initiate a behavior change than just to get the information out," concluded Coyle.

Dr. Barbara Chaffee from the Broome County Health Department spoke third about

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Spring Moscow trip possible

BCC President Donald Dellow, history instructor Douglas Gamar and Russian instructor Victoria Belenkaya are tentatively slated to travel to the Soviet Union in April 1990 to exchange information with Soviet education officials concerning possible joint scholarship and student exchange programs.

Dellow also said that he will be contacting state congressional representatives concerning similar programs with Czechoslovakia and Poland.

"I think it is absolutely essential that we insure that our students understand how a global economy is going to change our lives," said Dellow. "Perhaps the best way to understand the global perspective is to continue our program where international students come to BCC and our students travel abroad."

Short Takes

SGA sponsoring Christmas party

The Student Government Association will be sponsoring a Christmas Party in the student center from 11 am to 2 pm on Wednesday, Dec. 13.

A live band will be featured, free pizza and soda will be offered, and those wishing to will be able to have their pictures taken with Santa Claus.

BCC applies for SUNY Tuition program

The Student Affairs Division and the Financial Aid Office have recently applied for funding through the SUNY Tuition Program, which is a grant from the Department of Social Services to provide tuition and cover other costs for students majoring in early childhood education, child care associate degrees, and child care one-year certificate programs.

Campus Store looking for workers

The Campus Store is accepting applications for the temporary cashiers and clerks interested in working days and/or evenings during the spring semester opening sales period which begins Jan. 16 and concludes Feb. 2 1990.

Choir presenting Christmas concert

The BCC Choir will present its Christmas Concert on Dec. 10 at 7:30 pm in the BCC Little Theater.

Musically directed by Gerald Grahame, the concert will feature Vivaldi's Gloria and traditional music of Christmas. Admission is free.

Fund for engineering science program

Broome Community College has received a \$1200 stipend from an anonymous donor to be used by a student for European /Latin American travel.

The recipient of these funds must be a full-time freshman in good academic standing enrolled in and engineering science program. He or she must also be totally self-supporting for college expenses, and be someone who cannot afford foreign travel.

Applications are available from Bill Beston in AT 104E, Rick Firenze in F 109, Dick Plumer in AT 108, and the Financial Aid Office (W 101).

All applications must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office by Feb. 2 1990 at 5 pm.

Pay your ticket fines or else

All students should be aware their grades and transcripts will be withheld if they have any unpaid parking tickets. Fines can be paid at the Office of Student Accounts in W 114.

Chess club sponsors chess tourney

BCC's chess club is sponsoring a fall chess tournament. The registration for the tournament will be 9 a.m. with play beginning at 9:30.

It will be located in the library building, room L-1.

For details contact R. Woods T-212, 771-5106 or N. Herbert M-222, 771-5078.

Editors note: The Fulcrum would like to offer a sincere apology to anyone who may have been offended by a classified ad pertaining to homosexuals in the November 15 issue.

The inclusion of the ad in the newspaper was in poor taste and was a regrettable error in judgement, as it is not the policy of this newspaper to either discriminate or ridicule anyone in any way due to their sexual orientation.



Interpreters help deaf students 'hear' teachers

By CHAD SMITH

If you were deaf and wanted to get an education just like any other person, what would you do?

If you went to BCC, you could get help from interpreter services program which will provide an interpreter for all classes and give you access to all facets of campus life.

Six deaf students are taking advantage of those services this semester on campus.

"Anything a hearing student can do on campus, a deaf student can do also," said Amy Van Sickle, coordinator of college's interpreter services. Van Sickle has been the coordinator of the interpreting services for a year and a half. The service has been around on a small scale for six or seven years.

There are five interpreters, including Van Sickle, this semester. Van Sickle said she usually finds the interpreters through word of mouth. She said she meets with each interpreter, interviews them and tests them. If the interpreter passes a proficiency test and if she thinks they will work out, they are hired.

Van Sickle must match interpreters with students according to which type of sign language the student uses. There are two types of sign language: A.S.L. (American Sign Language) and Signed English.

Van Sickle's job also includes getting students registered, getting classes covered with interpreters and scheduling the interpreters. She must make special schedules for the students from a master schedule, which is very time consuming.

"You have to be a real magician when it comes to schedules," Van Sickle said. "The week before classes can be a nightmare."

For the most part, the teachers are cooperative, Van Sickle said. Some teachers are uncomfortable with having an interpreter in their classes at first, because they are uncertain how it will work. However, Van Sickle said she has received good feedback from the teachers. She said they are surprised at how well it works and even express an interest in learning some of the basics of sign language.

Teachers are asked to direct questions and answers directly to the student, while the

interpreter translates. Van Sickle said that procedure is encouraged to help the student and teacher associate with each other and develop a more normal student-teacher relationship.

Van Sickle said interpreters must transmit honest communication. That is, they are required to show the feelings, the moods and the tone of the student or teacher. Van Sickle said that is the hardest part of interpreting.

She said interpreters also must be careful not to advise the student what to do and cannot interject their opinions into classroom conversation.

Because of the service, disabled students have been able to take any class they desire. There is even a student in Effective Speaking, and it works fine, she said.

The only time students are on their own is at lunch, Van Sickle said.

The hearing-impaired students also have a machine at home called a TTY which allows them to use the telephone. It has a keyboard to convey messages to another TTY machine. This is how students contact Van Sickle by phone if they have any questions or just want to talk.

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the medical issues surrounding AIDS, specifically the need for more testing and treatment to prevent further spread of the disease.

"The good news in the AIDS epidemic is that we're getting better at treating infection," said Chaffee. "People are living longer and better lives with AIDS."

"The bad news is that most who are infected don't know they are infected. When they don't know, they probably will infect others. What we have to do is to get people in to get tested."

"The issue is not sexual orientation," added Chaffee, "the issue is protecting yourself if you have sex with more than one partner, or if your partner has" done so.

Fourth speaker Carl Kieper continued the discussion with facts on the legal aspects of AIDS ranging from federal anti-discrimination laws to family court laws dealing with the legal implications of unfaithful spouses spreading AIDS to their husbands or wives and the impact AIDS has on child custody situations.

"The number one recommendation I would make from a legal view would be education," said Kieper, who added that "the law says that someone with the AIDS virus shouldn't be treated differently than anyone else. Because AIDS still carries with it such a stigma, protection is needed for those infected against discrimination and harassment."

By far the most hard-hitting and profound presentation came from someone whose life has been directly touched by the AIDS crisis.

"People do not want to hear or know that their child is at risk from AIDS," said Jesse, who preferred that her last name not be used, and whose son died from the disease. "But kids away at school and away from parents can get very lonely and eager to make new friends, and part of college life is sexual activity."

"Education should start in the home," she said. "We should get rid of our inhibitions and educate our children."

"I'm pleading with the community as a parent to think about your child today and what you can do (to help prevent AIDS) now, not ten years down the road."

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John Butchko makes a point during his audio class, one of the courses offered in the communications program. (Donna Mullins photo)

Butchko oversaw growth of communication degree

By FRANK GADALETA

When John Butchko began as an electrical student at BCC 22 years ago, there was no communications department, but even then he had an interest in videotaping.

He started out with just a camera and a tape recorder and would go from room to room, taping speeches, lectures and performances.

Today, Butchko heads a full-fledged, degree-granting communications program with an enrollment of 90 students. Butchko can take much of the credit for the changes.

Butchko designed a communications program that upon graduation leaves students in an excellent position for immediate employment or transfer. He said the training they receive is perfectly matched for jobs in the area and students often go to work at local television and radio stations.

The curriculum stresses the liberal arts with the basics in audio, video, photography, film and journalism. It provides a complete background in the mass media, according to Butchko.

"BCC students really know what they're doing," Butchko said and local industry apparently agrees. He said he often gets calls from local employers looking for students to fill positions.

Students who decide to continue their education find they are very well prepared when they transfer to a four-year school. "We have very good transfer programs," Butchko said. "Students find they fit right in wherever they go."

More than half of the students go on to schools like Syracuse University, Ithaca College, or the four-year SUNY schools. In fact, one former student is now an associate producer for MTV.

The communications program got a boost when BCC received a vocational education grant from the federal government to buy photography, audio, video, and film-making equipment. Butchko said the equipment greatly increased the department's

capabilities and helped the program keep up with the local market.

However, communications technology is constantly changing, in some cases as often as every 30 days, according to Butchko. Because of this, he said there is a need to constantly adapt.

The planned renovation of Titchener Hall should provide some needed additions, he said, such as a better audio control room, a video editing room and upgraded lighting and electrical systems.

There is one other thing Butchko said he would like -- an office. Right now, his desk is hidden behind tons of audio and video equipment, and in the winter the room does not get any heat.

He could also use some more help. As of now he has one part-time technical helper, Doug Loeb, who he would like to have full time. "One man can't do it," he said. Another faculty member to teach some classes would also be helpful, he said.

Butchko started working for the college after graduation while commuting to Oswego State where he received his bachelor's degree in 1973. He received his teaching certificate in 1974. In the late '70s he went back to school and received his masters degree in educational communication.

Butchko said he has had the chance to leave education for a job in private industry. In fact, at one point he was offered a job with a manufacturing company that would have literally doubled his salary, but he turned it down. He said he would have felt bad leaving.

He said he loves the educational aspect of his field and said that most of the faculty at BCC feel the same way. He is happy with his work and plans to stay for quite some time. Even during the summer he can usually be found in the audiovisual room.

Butchko is married and has four children, including a daughter who is now a student at BCC. In his spare time he collects "everything," and builds street rods.

"Don't get me started on my cars or I'll go on forever," he said with a smile.

BCC may have role in engineering tech major

By KENT BRONSON
Editor

Alfred University is considering application for a bachelor's of engineering technology program that would offer BCC a role as a branch institution, said BCC President Donald A. Dellow.

The possibility is a result of a pending decision by SUNY Binghamton to close down it's engineering technology program, of which Alfred is now a branch.

"SUNY Alfred would then apply to get their own program," said Dellow. "Alfred would then like to offer that program through BCC."

Under the program, engineering technology students would be able to earn a degree from SUNY Alfred in that curriculum while attending classes at BCC.

While Dellow acknowledged that the need for such a program most likely exists, he expressed some doubts that BCC would be able to participate in such an affiliation financially.

"There probably is a need for a bachelor of technology program in this area," said Dellow, but he added that, "I have some concerns about it, including how it would be funded."

Dellow stressed that no "detailed discussion" has been undertaken on the subject.

"I've met once with the President of SUNY Alfred, our technology department, and (SUNY Chancellor) Clifford Clark, that's all. We haven't really worked everything out yet."

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letter published by the administration for faculty and staff members, he said "the college is committed to creating a safe educational environment free from fear."

Dellow also asked the campus Health and Safety Committee to study the issue of campus safety. In addition he urged any student, faculty or staff member who has witnessed, or been a victim of, sexual harassment or assault should contact security.

In a side note the College's president and vice-presidents met with Fenessey to discuss how to get information better and faster between county security and the college. The president's office or Helen Veres, the vice-president of administration, will now be notified within 24-hours of an incident on campus.

Bill Wolcott named editor of Fulcrum for spring 1990

Bill Wolcott, editorial page editor for the Fulcrum, has been named editor of the newspaper for the spring 1990 semester.

Wolcott, a communications senior, will replace Kent Bronson, who has been the editor for the fall semester. Bronson plans to devote more time to his studies, while still remaining a staff writer for the newspaper.

Wolcott who has been editorial page editor for the last two terms, said he "wants to give the paper a whole new look."

"The current layout of the paper is to dull to attract all that many readers. While the content of the paper is quite good, the readers have trouble getting past the overall blandness of the paper. Basically the layout plan has to be updated to reflect the new look of newspapers in the 1990's."

Wolcott said that he would like to see some changes in the format of the content in the paper.

"The features section of the paper has been pretty much ignored by the staff. I think it's time for us to start writing interesting feature articles on both on-campus subjects and off-campus stories. We can't ignore the fact that most BCC students are from the surrounding area."

"Other than that, I just hope to maintain the standards set by this semester's Fulcrum staff and hopefully win more awards."

As editor, Wolcott will be responsible for the layout of the news pages, editing news copy, overseeing production of the other sections of the paper, training new personnel and making sure the paper is distributed around campus.

In addition, Wolcott will appoint the section editors and is responsible for the



completion of all unfinished work and overall quality of the paper.

As editor, Wolcott will receive a \$125 scholarship in journalism sponsored by the Gannett Foundation. The scholarship is awarded to students who show an interest in journalism as a career through academic coursework and serve as the editor of the student newspaper.

Students interested in joining the staff for next semester should contact the newspaper in the Student Union or call 771-5110.

Brazil trip offered over semester break

By NICHOLAS FARTHING

The Galapagos Islands and the wilds of the Amazon will be the destination of this year's interim Tropical Wildlife Studies program in January.

Because of the destruction caused by Hurricane Hugo, the program substituted

the usual Caribbean segment for the Galapagos Islands and the Amazon.

Elliot Reitz, professor of biology, has taught tropical wildlife studies for the past 10 years. Although he has never been to the Galapagos Islands, he described it as a "biological paradise" and recommends the field program for student possessing a keen interest in wildlife.

life.

Reitz said the program, which includes 14 days in the tropics will prove to be both a challenging and rewarding experience for the 15 students selected to participate. The itinerary will include hiking each day, snorkeling with sea lions and giant tortoises, horseback riding to volcanic sites, birdwatching, swimming, and

whale and dolphin observation.

Upon successfully completing the program, students can earn three credits based on participation in all field trips, daily journal entries, specified species list and a written course report. A textbook on the Galapagos history is also required.

This course is classified as an elective for non-science students.

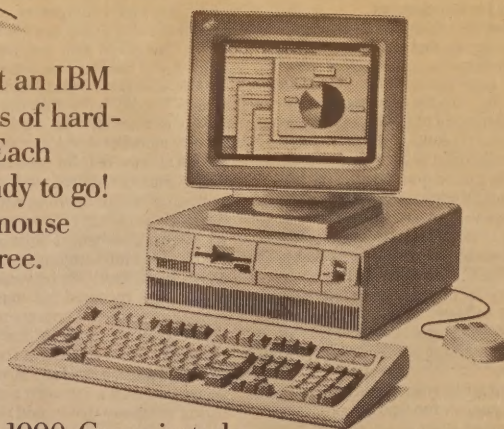
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Ho, ho, ho... what will Santa bring you?

By MIKE FARRELL

This Christmas season, economists say, will not be as big as the last one, but that won't deter the people in the toy-making industry. Once again manufacturers in this field will be going high-tech and catering to the youth watching television.

Here are the 10 most wanted items this Christmas season, based upon an informal survey of area stores and christmas shoppers:

1) Nintendo's new release, Game Boy, is a promising aspect of the ever expanding Nintendo Entertainment group. Game Boy is a small, LCD display game system that is portable. It plays versions of the popular Nintendo hits plus a few different games of its own.

2) Another Nintendo Entertainment release is the new Turbo Grafix 16 system. It will soon have a myriad of games available for it. With its

excellent graphics capabilities it will soon show the old Nintendo Entertainment System as the next Atari 2600 of the Nintendo group.

3) Sega's Genesis system shows great potential. Arcade graphics from a CD is the boast of this game system. It plays arcade hits like "Altered Beast" and "Shinobi" as well as original games produced for the system. This also will show the old Sega Game System as the Atari 2600 for Sega.

4) The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles craze won't be dying any time soon. With a wide range of toys and accessories, the kids will have lots of fun recreating their favorite scenes from the T.V. show as well as making up their own.

5) For kids in their pre and early teens there is the New Kids on the Block Christmas LP to keep them happy. Their popularity among the young ones is growing. Chock full of tunes, this album will make them want to sing

along with it or go solo. Annoying, huh?

6) "And in This Corner..." the new release by D.J. Jazzy Jeff and Fresh Prince, will also increase this aspiring rap group's popularity. This is also intended for a younger audience. The kids will be rapping away to tunes like "I Think I Can Beat Mike Tyson" all night long. Just wait until your younger brother or sister starts rapping. Ain't it great?

7) Yes the New Kids on the Block are back with lots of little things for the young ones to enjoy. They have come out with many different posters, calendars, pins, wall clocks, et cetera to keep the little sister you have madly in love with them for many years to come despite the fact she may get a boyfriend when she gets older. Sorry guys.

8) The "Batman" home video will prove to be very popular with all of the "Batmaniacs" out there. The

well timed release of this video will keep "Bat-mania" alive for a while longer. Even those who aren't Batman fans and those who haven't seen it yet are poised, ready to gobble this one up the first chance they get.

9) Younger Batman fans will have loads of Batman figures and accessories to play with for hours on end. They will soon turn into little "Batman's," and "Joker's" before you know it. If you find that your little brother has built a "Bat-Cave" and thinks that you are a bad guy, you know that its time to move out of the house.

10) And, of course, there's the old standby's. For the women you can get, what else, lingerie. And for that special man in your life, you have two choices. You can either get him the necktie or the sweater. So, as you go out Christmas shopping, keep these things in mind. And remember, if they don't like it you can always take it back. Merry Christmas!

Cold War over?

Profs scramble to keep up with changes

CPS -- As The Wall in Berlin came tumbling down Nov. 9, so did the lesson plans of many history and political science professors around the country.

Scores of teachers say they're unable to use the books and materials that, at the beginning of the term, accurately reflected European politics, thought and culture.

All that has changed, of course, with the collapse of rigid Stalinist policies in Poland and Hungary and of old-line leaders in East Germany. Winds of change also are blowing through Czechoslovakia.

"It's not possible to teach a standard course. You've just got to scrap your notes and syllabus and start over," said Robert Wells, who teaches domestic and foreign policy at St. Lawrence University in New York.

Well has made "weekly revisions" in his lectures this semester, forced to rely on notoriously unscholarly newspaper and magazine articles for scholarly information.

In Maryland, Towson State University's Armin Mruck, a naturalized American citizen who left Germany in 1951, has scrapped his lesson plans for three class periods so he could discuss East Germany.

"Students are very interested, even beyond my expectations," he said. "I think they realize that this is probably the most important event in this part of the century."

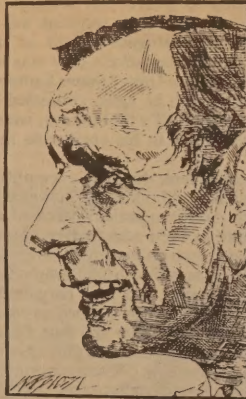
Responding to economic failures, leaders in the Soviet Union, Poland, Hungary and East Germany have been adopting reforms, and seem to find that each reform demands another, more basic change. Now the nations' politics seem to be changing, as the Soviet Union adopted a new legislative structure, Poland elected noncommunist leaders and Hungary's Communist Party even changed its name.

On Nov. 9, the most dramatic symbol of the division of Europe -- the Berlin Wall -- "fell" as East Germany's government announced its citizens could travel freely and that it would soon hold popular elections.



MIKHAIL GORBACHEV

The phenomenal freeing of huge numbers of people probably portends still more disorder and change in Europe as well as in the United States, where the 50-year-old notion of "free" and "communist" worlds locked in mortal combat that could lead to nuclear destruction has molded everything from foreign policy to religion



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to commerce.

But not all professors are rushing to change what they are teaching.

"This doesn't change it at all. Political science is still in the business of studying current events," said Dean Meyers, a political science professor at Indiana State University.

"I would imagine that these changes, plus 1992 (when western European countries will implement an open market among themselves), are going to fundamentally change European history," said Philippe Schmitter, director of the Center for European Studies at Stanford University.

Schmitter said college courses would be fundamentally changed, too. "Courses will not be exclusively on Eastern Europe, but all of Europe. There isn't anything like that now."

St. Lawrence's Wells concurred. "It seems that any courses have to reflect the significant changes and include the role of the Soviet Union in allowing those changes."

Over time, scholars will have new topics to explore, such as comparing voters and legislation between the East and west governments, Sodara said.

Even though relations between the superpowers aren't as chilly as they have been in the past, Indiana State's Meyers doesn't believe student enrollment in courses about the Eastern Bloc will increase in the long run.

Two BCC teachers are encouraged

By NICHOLAS FARTHING

Most people living in East or West Berlin have spent a good part of their lives wondering what life was like on the other side of the wall.

Now, citizens from each city can pass freely to and from either sector of Germany. Could this mark the beginning of the reunification of the two Germanies? Is the Cold War over?

Doug Gamar, chair of the history department, says that given a year or two, it is very possible that there will be unification of the Germanies, making the new country a major economic power by the end of the 1990's.

Similar moves toward democracy have occurred in such countries as Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary.

Although Gamar sees Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev as the leader of the new politics in the eastern bloc, he said that he doesn't expect him to intervene in the happenings in the other countries.

Countries such as England and France should be aware of the situation, as Gamar says he can see the economic unification of Europe as soon as 1992. If this holds to be true Europe as a whole would pose a definite economic threat to the still growing Japan.

History professor Joanne Maniago also thinks that there is a great chance for reunification of Germany.

"I think that western Europe should be very pleased and supportive of the changes going on and hope that the other satellite countries will follow," Maniago said.

If unification takes place in Germany and the other nations follow their lead than the economic unification of Europe would come much easier and quicker than expected.

Gamar said the changes have meant a political shift in world relations.

"A colleague of mine said the Cold War was really over when Gorbachev's wife shopped at Bloomingdale's. He also said that the Cold War was really over about 20 years ago, but was reinstated by our government during the late 1970s and early 1980s.

The best albums of the 80's

Police, U2, Pink Floyd, all make the grade

By JOHN RECKHOW

With the 90's less than a month away, it's time to look back before going forward. Change and maturity is the best way to describe the albums of the eighties, the best of which in my opinion are listed here. They stood out for pure listening enjoyment and they reminded us that music is timeless.

1. The Police gave us the eighties best album with 1983's *Synchronicity*. It was the band's last studio album. The album combined many different styles of music, reggae, jazz and rock to make one fine record. Bassist, singer and songwriter Sting does all these chores perfectly with the assistance of Andy Summers on guitar and Stewart Copeland on drums to give us the best album of the decade.

2. Tracey Chapman with her 1988 self titled debut made us all realize that some women in rock do not all do dance music and heavy metal ditties. Chapman played the long forgotten folk music that was all so popular in the sixties. She made us pay attention to the lyrics and not the sound. Plain and simple is the only way to describe this album and that's just fine here.

3. *Little Creatures* is the name of the brilliant 1985 album by the Talking Heads. The Heads give us a package of well crafted songs that are just enjoyable to hear. It's part dance album, part parody and another part nonsense and in this case they all work to form one fine cornucopia of musical brilliance.

4. Pink Floyd's 1983 offering *The Final Cut* is the decade's most serious

album. It is an anti-war album with all the songs begging for universal peace. Singer and songwriter Roger Waters used haunting piano, a full orchestra and gunshots to give us the decades most haunting and reflective album.

5. *The River* from Bruce Springsteen is the decade's best double album. It contains songs about the plight of the common man and some floor stomping rock. Backed by his E-Street band Springsteen displayed the talent that has made him the most charismatic figure in American music since Elvis.

6. U2 finally lived up to its potential when released *The Joshua Tree* back in 1987. It's picturesque lyrics propel the listener into different realms of life. It contains hard edged guitar provided by the Edge. Lead singer Bono gives the album a certain amount of brilliance with his energetic vocals.

7. *AC/DC's Back In Black* is the hard rock album of the decade. It is raunchy perfectionism at it's finest. It's well crafted guitar lines are a model of what is good in heavy metal. It is lean and raunchy and that what heavy metal is supposed to be, unlike today's pop metal that is happy and clean.

8. *Purple Rain* by Prince was one of the best rock/dance albums of the decade. Prince cut the demons loose when he recorded this album. It is his finest album. He gives well crafted songs about sex, war, frustration and love. Backed on this effort by his former band the new power generation Prince also showed what a great musician he is.

9. The *Traveling Wilburies* was super-composed of Bob Dylan, Jeff Lynne, Tom Petty, George Harrison and the late



Roy Orbison. In late 1988 they released their self-titled debut. It was a collection of well crafted pop tunes. Benefiting from the production team of Harrison and Lynne the songs are kept into a nice and simple format.

10. *All the Best Cowboys Have Chinese Eyes* by Pete Townshend was the album where Pete Townshend put the drugs and booze behind him and let the music take center stage. The album is

part guilt and redemption and part pop songs but whatever the case Townshend in 1982 gave us one of the best albums of the eighties.

Here are list of artists who also put out some fine work in the eighties: Neil Young, John Cougar Mellencamp, Paul Simon, Van Halen, Jane's Addiction and Warren Zevon. So go out and discover the music of these fine artists and many others.

'Guilty' exposes U.S. justice system flaws

By KENT BRONSON

You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say may be used against you in a court of law. You have the right to an attorney. If you cannot afford one, one will be appointed to you by the court.

These rights were set down by the Supreme Court in the *Miranda* versus Arizona decision in 1966 to protect the rights of the accused and the principle of a defendant being innocent until proven guilty. These rights must be read to someone accused of a crime before any statements he makes in response to police interrogation to be admissible in court.

But do some interpretations of the *Miranda* rights carry the issue of the rights of the accused too far? Judge Ralph Adam Fine tackles this question as well as the issues of plea bargaining, the insanity defense, juvenile crime, and how all of these issues are shortchanging the American system of justice in *Escape of the Guilty, A Trial Judge Speaks Out Against Crime* (Dodd, Mead & Company, \$17.95).

"Simply put, while all of us know something is wrong with the criminal justice system, few of us know what," writes Fine. "*Escape of the Guilty* takes us on a journey of discovery and shows why our streets are unsafe and why the sanctity if our homes are at risk. It explains what we can do to recapture our liberty from the predators among us."

Fine finds no shortage of examples of how the criminal justice system has been warped by excessive concern for the rights of the accused, such as the California case of Barry Braeseke.

Braeseke was accused in 1976 of the shooting deaths of his parents and grandfather. After discussing in private and off the record with an officer the implications of leading the police to the murder weapon in order to prevent any children from finding it and harming themselves, Braeseke gave a voluntary confession on tape of the night of the murders. Braeseke was read his rights on tape and stated clearly that he was confessing of his own free will.

After being convicted of first degree murder, the California Supreme Court reversed them on the grounds that the prosecution failed to prove that Braeseke's "decision to talk to the sergeant was a 'knowing and intelligent waiver of his *Miranda* rights.' Braeseke's case was refused review by the United States Supreme Court, after which he again confessed to the murders on CBS's 60 Minutes, which ironically resulted in his conviction at a retrial.

In any event, this case exemplifies the inefficiency and ridiculous attention to detail of the American justice system, which often results in even admitted murderers being turned loose on the streets.

Other issues Fine offers insight into are juvenile justice and plea bargaining, which he rightly criticizes as practices which undermine the credibility and thus the effectiveness of the criminal justice system.

"A youngster in (Wisconsin's) maximum security juvenile reformatory) recently

told television reporter Gael Garbarino, that, ... since the age of twelve, he had been constantly threatened that he would be sent to reform school if he committed another crime. Yet, he was always given 'another chance,'" writes Fine.

Fine concludes "much of the problem with delinquent youth can be blamed on the adults who fail them, 'fail them when they are not punished swiftly and surely for their misdeeds.' We have failed our children by numbing their pain receptors - we have permitted them to play with fire. We all suffer the resulting inferno."

On plea bargaining, Fine rightly points out that "Unfortunately, we compromise with crime every day - and we are enduring the plague as, on the average, one American is murdered every twenty-five minutes, one is raped every seven minutes, one is robbed every fifty-nine seconds, one is assaulted every forty-nine seconds, and one suffers a burglary

every nine seconds."

"The major compromise with crime is plea bargaining."

"It is no wonder that a 1973 report of the U.S. National Advisory Commission on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals concluded, '... the frequent result of plea bargaining is that defendants are not dealt with as severely as might otherwise be the case. Thus plea bargaining results in leniency that reduces the deterrent impact of the law.'"

Fine proposes the total abolishment of plea bargaining.

For anyone interested in the failings of the American criminal justice system, *Escape of the Guilty* offers interesting insight into those faults, discussing criminal law not in complex legal jargon, but instead boiling it down in a language that one can understand without having spent three years at Harvard Law School, making the book thoroughly readable yet extremely thought-provoking.

'Storyteller' highlights Stewart's career

By JOHN RECKHOW

Rod Stewart's *Storyteller* is a fine box set covering his entire career. It contains rarities and all of Rod's hits and a couple of new songs.

This boxed set is done in the same fashion as other ones such as Eric Clapton's *Crossroads*, The Allman Brothers *Dreams* and The Rolling Stones *The London Years*. It seems that most older artists are jumping on the boxed set wagon.

But in defense of such albums as this they allow the listener to see the development of an artist. They also have great liner notes and insight into the songs.

Stewart's career started back in 1967 as lead singer in the Jeff Beck Group. Included in this part of the set is the rarity "I've been drinking". His style of singing is mostly bluesy.

The next phase of his career is the time he spent with the Faces, which included future Rolling Stone Ron Wood and future Who drummer Kenney Jones. The

band was purely pop. All of their hits are included.

But the gist of this album is devoted to his solo career which began just before his Faces career began. This is where the bulk of all of his good songs are located. From the great "Maggie May" to the funky "Infatuation", they are all here.

One the this boxed set does cover is Stewart's low period in the early eighties. This part of Stewart's career is when he would try anything to regain the spark of his past success.

Stewart has managed to turn around his career without compromising his own artistic brilliance. That is something that few rock stars have been able to accomplish.

The two new songs that were recorded for this set are not bad. They are "Downtown Train" and the Isley Brothers', "This Old Heart of Mine".

So this Christmas go out and get *Storyteller* from a master storyteller Rod Stewart. That is one story you won't turn off.



Rod Stewart

Clerk starts new career at age 74

By SUSAN K. BRZOZOWSKI

G. William Delamar just doesn't know when to quit.

At the age of 74 he is still going strong, working as a full-time clerk in the security office entering parking tickets and processing all work associated with student I.D.'s.

"I'm rather proud of my age. You're only as old as you feel," said Delamar. "Being retired I'd sit around. Working keeps the brain active."

Delamar was born in Westbury, Long Island and received his BA in Business Administration/Accounting from the College of the City of New York. After working as a supervisor in the New York City area, Delamar was transferred to the postal office on Henry St. in Binghamton where he supervised 2,500 employees and a \$6 million budget.

He retired in 1980, relinquishing his position after 42 years of service.

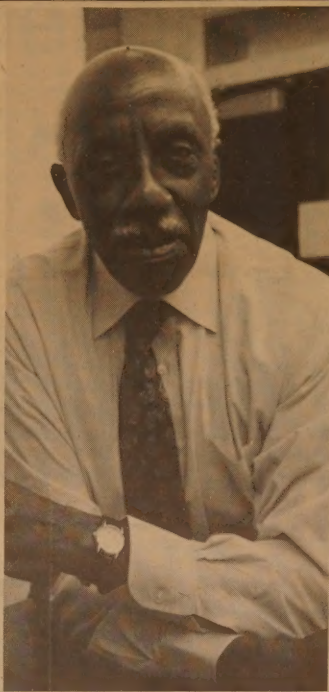
In 1986 he decided to run for supervisor for the Town of Chenango as a Democrat and lost by only 100 votes.

"I'm interested in the issues concerning people," he said. "I have some expertise and thought I'd give it a try."

This year he came out of retirement to take a job as a security clerk. He enjoys the job because it enables him to meet people and it's close to home.

"I meet a nice cross-section of all kinds of folks and it's only five minutes from home," said Delamar. "I'll continue to work as long as the security department wants me and I enjoy it."

According to Delamar, today's college students face the same problems they



G. William Delamar takes a break from his duties as the new security clerk. Delamar handles parking tickets and the processing of student ID's (Donna Mullins photo)

always have.

"As long as I can remember, college students have always been adrift, seeking their own and they haven't always found it," he said.

"Liberal Arts and traditional studies should be more prevalent in high schools. Great books of literature that have endured the centuries have in the past helped people find their way.

Survey to measure extent of bus woes

By KRISTIN KIEWER

Barbara Fast, a mental health freshman at BCC, cannot take evening courses because she can't get home.

Fast depends on Broome Transit to get back and forth to school and after 6 p.m. many of the routes are limited, including the one Fast lives on.

She even had to keep the location of her house in mind when she moved to make sure she was still on the bus line to enable her to get to day classes.

Fast is not alone in having problems arranging her class schedule because of the bus schedule. But no one is certain just how many students have the same problem.

That is why the Student Government Association plans to survey students about their bus needs, as well as other campus services and interests.

According to Stan Meadows, treasurer of Student Government, the survey is on hold until mailing details are settled. The SGA plans to survey 1,000 BCC randomly selected students on such topics as transportation, BCC's grading system, and child care.

The survey is in part a response to a meeting in September, sponsored by the Adult Student Club between several campus groups and Broome Transit officials-Commissioner Richard Beam and Deputy Commissioner Gary Crandell.

The idea of forming a committee on campus was suggested by County Executive Tim Grippen last spring during a campus discussion of such problems as transportation and child care.

At the meeting with county bus officials, such problems as overcrowding, bus passes, and limited evening bus runs were discussed and both parties agreed

to wait until a survey was conducted to determine exactly what busing areas needed to be changed and to determine the extent of the problem.

Commissioner Beam said he is willing to work with BCC and is flexible once he gets enough information on the extent of busing problems BCC students encounter.

"I am doubtful that night service will change, though," he said. "Right now there is a budget crunch and we just do not have the money to run 36 buses until 10 p.m."

Beam did suggest a solution to the cost of monthly bus passes that do not save students much money and even then only if they use it twice a day every day. He said BCC could subsidize the bus pass cost similar to the policy at SUNY Binghamton where bus funds are automatically added to each student's bill as part of their activities fee.

Even though some students find the bus a big hassle, many students think the bus is great.

"The price is very cheap (30 cents) at offpeak hours and reasonable all the time (60 cents)," said a student wishing not to be identified.

Peak hours are before 9:15 a.m. and after 3:15 p.m.

And the entertainment merits are unique," stated another student. Some minor annoyances students encounter are uncomfortable bus seats, time lost because the bus is slow due to stops and transfers, and schedules that force students to come a half an hour before class or be 5 minutes late.

One bus rider suggested that BCC accommodate bus schedules by moving classes five minutes past the hour. This would allow busing students time to get to class.

Season's Greetings

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from the Fulcrum staff

'Lite' not right

In a growing trend, American food companies are offering shoppers a "lighter" alternative to their products. But while they offer the same great taste, but with no fat, or cholesterol, or sugar, or salt, they might not deliver what the shopper thinks.

Companies like Hostess Bakeries, are marketing the new Hostess Lights cupcakes, a new version of the 70-year-old recipe at Hostess. The lite cupcake is 97 percent fat-free, contains no cholesterol and has fewer calories than the regular Hostess Cupcake.

How many calories less are they? That's the problem. Currently the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has no set of standards for foods labeled "light" or "lite."

In 1980 the FDA set standards for food labeled "low-calorie" and "reduced-calorie" foods. Low-calorie foods must have no more than 40 calories per serving, and reduced-calories foods must be at least one-third lower in calories.

That doesn't leave much room for reduction of calories. What will the standard set for the lite products, one-sixteenth less calories? Because of the lack of standards, remember this before you are about to buy a "lite" product. Don't believe everything you read.

See you next term

The air has grown cold, snowflakes have started to fall, and once again the end of the fall semester is near. Soon will be gone the endless hours of mind-numbing homework, essay exams and Monday morning wake-up calls for school.

Many things have started to happen during the last four months, both here at BCC and out in the real world. From the steps taken for building projects such as day-care facilities and Tichener Hall to the recent developments in Eastern Europe. They hold the promise of changing our lives for the better.

But there are still a few dark clouds over BCC. Such as the recent sexual attacks on campus, the loss -once again- of BCC's radio station, WBCR, and looming budget shortfalls.

To all the people we harassed for our news stories, like John Pierog, vice president of student affairs, John McCauley, assistant to the vice president of academic affairs and BCC President Donald Dellow we say thank you. Special thanks has to go to David Maslar, head of student activities, deity, and one college instructor that doesn't wear tweed.

To all the staff, faculty, students and yes even the administrators at BCC, we wish you happy holidays. See you in the spring semester.



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Inquiring Photographer

By Donna Mullins

Q: What do you want for christmas?



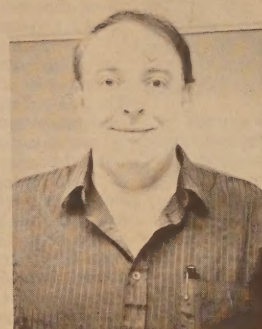
Lynn Groves, restaurant management senior: "To be a kid again."



Joanne Sobon, mental health freshman: "Health."



Barbara Fast, mental health freshman: "To be lying on the beach in Hawaii."



Jack Guillon, english professor: "Christmas is about peace and goodwill. I hope we are moving closer to that goal."



Tricia Carey, mental health freshman: "I want to graduate without attending any more classes."



Shelly Woodward, hotel management senior: "A horse named Misty."

Letter to the editor

Parking: administration should take notice

Dear Editor:

This editorial is in response to inadequate parking facilities on this campus. During my year of matriculation at this college, I have become thoroughly enraged trying to find a parking space and if one is to be found it is usually located in Katmandu. The problem of parking is not only limited to the students, but also some of the staff have had difficulties.

Recently, one staff member was forced to pay \$50 in fines due to an error by the security office. Although the error was small to them it proved costly to the staff member. The problem began when he put the sticker in his window and it fell off the window, a patrolling officer issued a ticket for parking in the wrong lot.

My own experiences have been just as frustrating and resulted in tremendous fines. I like to refer to these fines as charitable contributions for tax purposes.

Most of my problems resulted in the fact that I had misplaced my sticker, so I was issued numerous tickets for an unregistered vehicle. I filed an appeal with security. The end result was "appeal denied," pay the money. This to me was a great injustice because I had spent the three dollars to register my car in the beginning of the year.

This year it has been even more difficult to find a reasonable parking space. The difficulty stems from the dramatic increase in enrollment over last year. The reports claim an 11% increase in the student population. This increase resulted in

about 600 more students vying for the already scarce vacancies. This is clear oversight on the administration of this university by not creating more and better parking facilities to accommodate the increasing population.

The present student parking areas consist of two paved lots and two hay fields. I realize that we are only students, but is it truly fair to put our vehicles through the rigors of "four-wheel" driving every day, while we attend this fine institution. I think not.

Would it be too much to ask for some better parking facilities? This is a matter that is going to become increasingly more prevalent as winter approaches. I am pleading with the administration to take notice and to take prompt action.

Sincerely,
Robert A. Sauld

Tuttle's naivete

Dear Editor:

Rick Tuttle's "Diabetes funding is more important than AIDS research" column was one of the more amazing articles I have read lately.

First, I find it unbelievable that someone actually questions whether AIDS exists. To go further and suggest that "nobody I know is at risk for AIDS" is astounding. Is he and everyone else he knows celibate? Where, I wonder, are the national statistics coming from which show that two out of every 1,000 college students are infected with

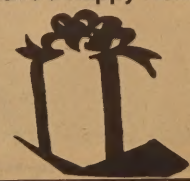
the virus which causes AIDS? And, what are my physician friend doing who claim to be working daily, overtime, holidays and evening hours with individuals who are HIV infected? And, what could possibly have prompted people from all over this country (and this county) to contribute squares to a quilt which has become so large that it can no longer be transported anywhere, even by barge?

Second, how unfortunate it is that Mr. Tuttle chose to pit two killer diseases against one another. Is it more unfortunate, more painful, more difficult to fight the other? Perhaps he should make the effort to meet someone living with AIDS or HIV infection before making such uncampaionate judgements.

Third, the tone of Mr. Tuttle's argument was unsettling. How can any disease that causes so much suffering be "not worthy of the attention it has received?" How lucky we all are that the vast majority of medical professionals don't judge a person's illness before deciding whether to care.

Sincerely,
Julie Peacock
Chair,
Medical Lab Technology

Have a Happy Holiday



Don't believe all the hype

The other day I was accosted by my sister of ten years who sported her annual decree of doom, a Christmas list. With puppy-dog eyes she looked up and shoved it into my hand saying, "Here's your copy my Christmas list." Her hopeful tone was unnerving.

I looked down at the piece of paper that was littered with type from a computer's printer. This list contained horrors beyond belief. Upon it was a collection of items such as: the New Kids on the Block Christmas album, wall poster, calendar, the new D.J. Jazzy Jeff and Fresh Prince album ("In This Corner..." and other such atrocities.

Mike Farrell

Nevertheless, I'm sorry to say, I was quite dismayed with my sibling's poor musical taste. I mean, what is with the younger generation these days? Have they no taste in music? Have they any taste at all?

Why are these so-called "New Kids on the Block" so popular? I can't see them still calling themselves by that name 20 or so years down the road; that is if they are still around by then (I highly doubt that they will even last 3 more).

I was quite surprised when I heard someone actually compare them to The Beatles. I was outraged. What a travesty! I then proceeded to correct this lady in her erroneous ways. Her statement would make John Lennon come back to life and strangle the life out of this lost soul.

"They're more popular than The Beatles were," she told me. "When their music is published in 72 different languages including Swahili then maybe, just maybe, they will," I said in rebuttal. I then left the poor excuse for a Neanderthal behind with a dumbfounded look on her face. I felt that the fifteen minutes that I had just used were well spent. I was very satisfied.

What makes D.J. Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince so popular with kids today? Have you ever really listened to their songs? These songs all have the same or very similar backbeats and baselines. I should know this since I work at a dance club. That sort of music would put anyone to sleep. It is so boring to listen to these songs consecutively. Come on Fresh Prince, get a life, or at least get a new backbeat.

All of these types of groups have been over-played and their popularity has been definitely over-inflated. I often wonder if today's younger music listeners will awaken from the coma that they are in. In closing, to quote the rap group Public Enemy: "Don't believe the hype."

Basic training may turn soldiers to saps

"Walking point really sucked. I'd spent six months in Okinawa partying. I was in no shape to break trail. This is not just humping one or two hours. This is going from morning till night, twelve or fourteen hours a day. I'd get really exhausted, take ten steps, get this --- tangled around my feet and fall down. 'Let's go,' the lieutenant says. 'This ain't New York City. No paved streets here.'

- an excerpt from *Nam, the Vietnam War in the Words of the Soldiers Who Fought There*, by Mark Baker

Judging by the methods of discipline called for under the Army's new stress management program, being implemented for new recruits at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, our opponents in the next war, should it ever come, had better be the military equivalent of either the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders (or the Cowboys themselves, there being not much difference between the two this season) or the National Peace Lover's Association. And the terrain it is fought on had better be paved, with a generous supply of escalators.

In today's Army at Leonard Wood, cries of "drop and give me a hundred!" are no longer heard; the one-time limit for push-ups is 10, and the daily total can be no more than 50. Lengthy daily jogs are also passe'. Male soldiers can only run once every 72 hours, and women are forbidden to pound the pavement. Drill sergeants are also forbidden to swear at or strike recruits.

Such a program calls for a new ad slogan, maybe something like "The Army:

Kent Bronson

it's not just a job, it's a vacation," or "The Army: Be a little bit less than all you can be."

The program, started in 1984, is designed to "help instructors cope with making soldiers out of civilians." Nothing wrong with that. It's definitely an admirable goal. But somewhere along the line someone higher up seems to have forgotten that war is usually a stressful situation.

Granted, high-tech weapons systems relieve the pressure of having to have an army of Rambos in all situations, and such a military force cannot be realistically expected, but Vietnam and myriad other recent conflicts throughout the world have proven that the era of infantry combat is far from over, and certainly maximum physical and mental discipline and endurance are crucial to survival in such guerrilla environments.

Try and talk about the "excessive stress" of today's boot camp to someone who spent a short six weeks at Paris Island and then was thrust unprepared into the steaming jungles of Vietnam and he'll probably laugh in your face. In short, 10 push-ups does not endurance nor discipline build.

War is neither a civilized nor a recreational activity, the restrictions imposed by the "stress management" program will go a long way in softening the combat readiness of our troops. Enemies on the

field of battle aren't going to give the American Army a coffee break because their feet hurt. Neither should their drill instructors.

Despite the fact that my views on the death penalty and abortion issues seem to be about as popular as a communist in Eastern Europe these days, I welcome the opinion of anyone who cares to share it, as Julie Kuhns did in her letter opposing the death penalty a few issues back. I must admit that she made some strong arguments, but I don't feel that she adequately examined my position on the controversy.

A quote from my earlier column; "If it has been proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that someone has intentionally, carelessly and repeatedly killed, and I stress the word repeatedly, and that person is beyond rehabilitation, then that person should pay for his crimes with his life."

Unfortunately, we live in an imperfect world and thus have an imperfect criminal justice system, a system in which sometimes the innocent are wrongly convicted. This is why I feel that the death penalty should never be administered for

first or even second offenders convicted of murder.

The penalties for these should be life in prison for the first offense, and perhaps life without parole for the second. However, on the third such offense, it's pretty evident that the guy or girl isn't much interested in being rehabilitated and joining the peace corps or anything like that, and to protect against any further loss of innocent life, I believe he or she should be executed. As the saying goes, three strikes and you're out of the old ball game.

I have decided that this semester will be my first and last as editor of the Fulcrum. The experience has been a great one both socially and educationally and I certainly don't regret making the decision to serve, but next semester I hope to put some more time and effort into my studies.

One statement to summarize my feelings about my journey through the wonderful land of editorship. It's a nice place to visit, but I wouldn't want to buy a house there.

Christmas in America

Bill Wolcott

During a recent trip to New York I decided to visit the famous Saint Patrick's Cathedral. While I am the farthest thing from a devout Catholic, I was interested to see the supposedly most beautiful Catholic church in the United States.

To say that the church looked out of place in midtown Manhattan is an understatement. Dwarfed amongst some of the most beautiful and tall man-made buildings in New York sat this house of God. If a body wasn't looking for the church they would have never seen it.

Sandwiched between two taller buildings was the church looking dark and sinister. The church had a Lovecraftian or Poeian look, appearing more like a Gothic museum for religion than an actual church in use.

The doors to the church were both massive and beautiful, and proved to be more of a match to me than those revolving doors with their voracious appetites. Finally ten minutes later I made it inside.

After negotiating a second set of doors I found myself standing at the end of the expansive inner chapel of the church. Instinctively without looking I reached with my index and middle fingers of my right hand for the holy water. With the wet fingers I made the sign of the cross blessing myself, one of the many benefits of 10 years of religious instructions.

The seemingly endless rows of pews were sparsely populated with people praying for whatever reasons. It seemed comical that so few people were there in this large church in the largest city in the United States. Eventually I noticed in the far right corner of the church a rather strange sight for a religious place, a gift shop.

I had never in my life seen or heard of a gift shop in a church. They certainly never had one in Saint John's, the church I attended when I was a kid. Because of the gift shop and maybe even the look of the church, I had an uneasy feeling about

the place. Not a scared uneasy feeling, rather a feeling that this place wasn't really a religious place but a replica of some sorts to religion in general. Sort of like a monument to past beliefs.

Because of the time I was unable to go into the gift shop, but as I walked to the McDonald's in Times Square I wondered to myself what they sold in the shop? Could they have a cardboard cut-out of the Pope, with arm that was attached to a spring that made it look as if he waving at you? Or maybe a statuette of the Pope dressed up as the Statue of Liberty? And an even more likely of novelty, a life size cut-out of Cardinal O'Connor that you stand next to and have picture taken with it?

Finally I got to McDonald's, bought my food and sat down to watch the people walk in and out. The place was packed with people. It was dark by now, and the McDonald's was as much lit by the lights on a Christmas tree there as by the fluorescent lights above. Christmas music was playing over the Muzak system, and although I despise Muzak I must admit I didn't mind it this time.

The Muzak sort of fit in the same way that the black man dressed as Santa Claus giving candy to children of the customers also fit. Maybe it wasn't a Norman Rockwell painting, but I definitely wasn't as uneasy as I was when I was in the church.

It seems strange and yet fitting that Santa Claus would be a more recognizable symbol of Christmas than of the real reason why the holiday was created. And that this more popular symbol of Christmas would be in the home of 5 billion served. For this is America, a money-oriented society, and at least McDonalds didn't have a gift shop.

Stereotypes are wrong

Everyone has been the focus of some humiliating form of slang. These slanderous forms of vulgarity also play hand in hand with stereotypes, some of which are used in everyday language on campus.

A few examples we can relate to are:

- Spooks have police records.
- Handicaps are worthless.
- Broads can't do anything.
- Welfare recipients are sponges.
- Kikes are greedy.
- Wops work for the Mafia.
- Dykes are butch and ugly.
- Fags wear girls clothing.

Obviously, these demeaning phrases are offensive and untrue, but nevertheless, are common stereotypes.

Most everyone is guilty of stereotyping and if we could listen to ourselves, we would understand that stereotyping does a lot of harm! In our society, it is so easy to throw a derogatory label on someone just because he/she has a difference.

People do not like to accept something which they don't fully understand, thus, they misconstrue information and create a very deceptive picture. An illustration to my point is that gay men are stereotyped into being effeminate, petite, neurotic, promiscuous, pedophiles, and like wearing women's clothing. In actuality, nothing could be further from the truth!

The myths people have about the gay community are highly incorrect, simply because of a sexual difference. Is this

B. Tod Hall

difference any larger than a skin color, or a person accepting welfare? What people don't try to understand, they fear, and fear is the parent of hatred!

There have been numerous studies done on the gay community in the last few years. One study points out that one out of ten people are gay -- that means BCC's 6000+ student enrollment have a gay population of 600+! As for the mythical promiscuity issue, a report released by the AIDS Task Force in Miami, FL, stated that the homosexual community has responded quicker in terms of AIDS prevention than did the heterosexuals. As for gays/lesbians being easily recognized, I say, WRONG! Gays and lesbians are everyday people who look, act and ARE just like anybody else.

Antistereotyping and educating are part of what the Lambda Society strives to do. The Lambda Society is a gay/lesbian group, at BCC, which is working at dismissing myths and fears about the gay/lesbian community. The group welcomes all people who are gay/lesbian or know someone who is and meet weekly on Thursdays at 1 pm. All inquiries are confidential and the meeting location can be obtained by stopping by Wales 200 or by calling 771-5210. Through education, myths, stereotypes and slander can become a thing of the past. Let's all do our part to help by starting with ourselves.

RAT TALES

MS. ELLIEN

DEAR SANTA,
HI, IT'S ME AGAIN...
CAMERON. HOW'S THE WIFE?
ANYWAY... I'VE BEEN PRETTY
GOOD... AND I'M ASKING FOR
THE SAME THING... IT'S LOOKING
BETTER THAN LAST YEAR, SO
YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO MANAGE
IT:



WORLD PEACE?

WELL, YOU NEVER
KNOW... IT COULDN'T
HURT...



IN THE HILLS... SOMEWHERE NEAR
THE B.C.C. CAMPUS...

C'MON, SAM...
DID YOU GET
THE HAT?

YEAH, CAM.
HEY, HE'S
LOOKIN' GOOD!



THIS WAS A REALLY GOOD
IDEA, SAM. I HAVEN'T DONE
THIS IN YEARS!

YEAH, WELL... WE NEEDED A
BREAK... REALITY THERAPY.
IT'S BEEN QUITE A
SEMESTER.

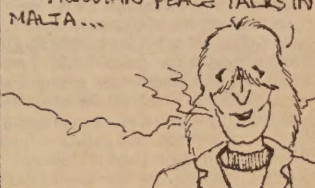
QUITE A YEAR OVERALL,
MAN...



YEAH... END OF THE 80'S. HOW DID
HUNTER S. THOMPSON SAY IT? "THE
80'S... A TIME OF SHAME AND
DEGRADATION." I DON'T KNOW
THOUGH. IF THIS YEAR IS A FORECAST
FOR WHAT'S TO COME... IT LOOKS
PRETTY GOOD. A LOT HAS HAPPENED
THIS YEAR...



YEAH, LIKE REAGAN DIDN'T GO FOR A
THIRD TERM, THE RUSSIANS PULLED
OUT OF AFGHANISTAN, THE COLD
WAR SEEMS TO BE ENDING
WITH ALL THAT'S HAPPENING
IN THE SOVIET SATELLITE
COUNTRIES, WHICH MIGHT MEAN
THE RESOLUTION OF THE WARSAW
PACT AND NATO, THE BERLIN
WALL IS DOWN, AND NOW THE
U.S./RUSSIAN PEACE TALKS IN
MALTA...



THE TIMES THEY ARE A
CHANGIN', MY FRIEND...

'BOUT TIME...



"I USED TO THINK THAT THE WORLD
WAS FLAT,
RARELY THREW MY HAT INTO THE
CROWD.
I FELT I HAD USED UP MY QUOTA OF
YEARNING.
USED TO LOOK IN ON THE CHILDREN
AT NIGHT,
IN THE GLOW OF THEIR DONALD DUCK
LIGHT.
AND FRIGHTEN MYSELF WITH THE
THOUGHT OF MY LITTLE ONES
BURNING.
BUT OH, OH, OH, THE TIDE IS
TURNING.
THE TIDE IS TURNING."
- ROGER WATERS

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY
NEW YEAR - HERE'S TO THE
FUTURE!

☺ PAX

CID

JULIE DOXIE

WELL, THE LAST ISSUE OF THE SEMESTER
IS FINALLY HERE. NOW THAT IT'S OVER,
I CAN TRULY APPRECIATE THE WORK
IT TAKES TO PUT OUT A COMIC STRIP
EVERY ISSUE.



IT'S REALLY HARD COMING UP WITH A
GOOD IDEA FOR EACH ISSUE. BUT
AFTER DOING THIS ALL SEMESTER I'VE
WISED UP.



I FIGURE -- WHY DOES IT HAVE
TO BE A GOOD IDEA? JUST MAKE SURE
THE COMIC PAGE IS FULL, RIGHT? JUST
MAKE SURE "MR. EDITOR" ISN'T LEFT
WITH TWO PAGES TO FILL BY HIMSELF
RIGHT?



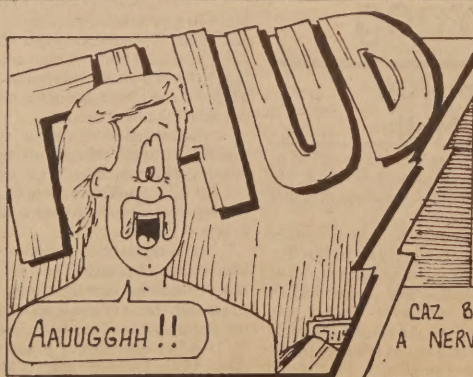
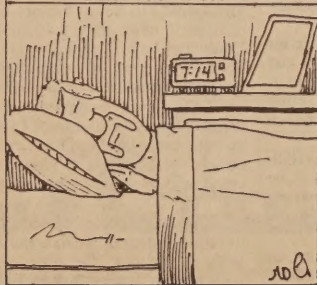
SO, ACTUALLY, THESE FRAMES
COULD BE FILLED WITH A BUNCH OF
MEANINGLESS GARBLE THAT NOBODY
GETS. AFTER ALL -- DOONESBURY
MADE IT TO SYNDICATION.



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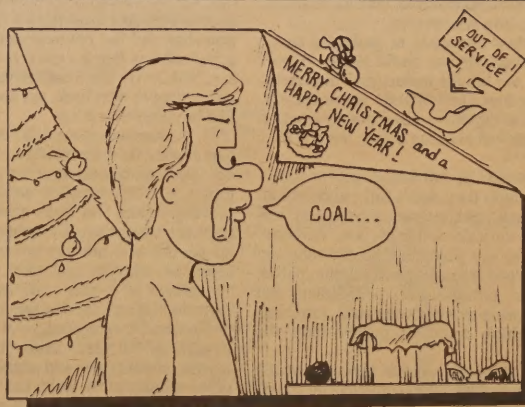
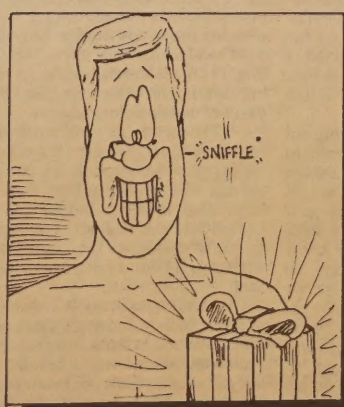
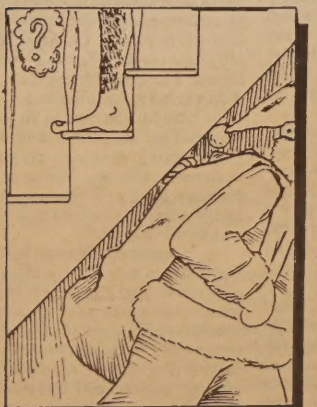
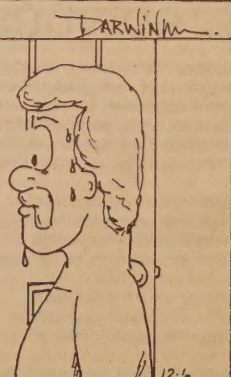
IN THE HILLS

A SOLEMN CHRISTMAS EVE
SLEEP... THEN:



AAUUGGHH!!

CAZ BREAKS OUT INTO
A NERVOUS SWEAT.



REVIEW

(Continued from page 12)

some of the top college talent. Hershel Walker signed a \$1.5 million deal with Donald Trump's New Jersey Generals starting a parade of three straight Heisman Trophy winners who initially passed on the NFL. The league never could compete with the NFL and filed a lawsuit against the NFL claiming the league had a monopoly. A jury agreed but the awarded the league only a three dollar settlement to all but nail the coffin shut.

Mary Lou Retton literally jumped into America's hearts in 1984. The energetic gymnast became the first woman in U.S. history to win a gold medal. In November of the year football fans were treated to the immaculate reception II. Doug Flutie found Gerald Phelan open in the back of the end zone on the final play of the game to lift Boston College to a 47-45 win over Miami of Florida.

If one would like to point a figure at when the decline of sports began you might not have to look past 1985. It began in February when Indiana basketball coach Bobby Knight took exception to an officials call and hurled a chair across the court. In March, Baseball Commissioner Peter Ueberroth suspended 22 players for implicated in drug trials. Later that month five Tulane University basketball players are arrested in a point-shaving scheme.

'85 did bring two shining moments. Pete Rose surpassed Ty Cobb's all-time hit record of 4,191 and Eddie Robinson passed Bear Bryant to become college football all-time winningest coach.

Cocaine ruled the headlines in the summer of '86. Just one day after being selected by the Boston Celtics basketball star Len Bias dies of a cocaine overdose. Two weeks later Don Rodgers, a safety for the Cleveland Browns, also dies due to an overdose of cocaine.

One for the Ages became the rally cry in '86 as Jack Nicklaus won his record sixth Masters Championship and at age 54 Willie Shoemaker became the oldest jockey to win the Kentucky Derby.

Minority hiring grabbed the spot-

light in 1987 when Los Angeles Dodger executive Al Campanis commented on Nightline that "blacks lack some of the necessities to manage."

Southern Methodist University became the first college to receive the "death penalty" for committing major rules violations for the second time in five years.

If you didn't know who Ben Johnson was before you knew of him in 1988, Johnson defeated Carl Lewis in the 100 meter dash and apparently established a world record. However Johnson tested positive for steroid use and was stripped of his gold medal.

Hockey great Wayne Gretzky brought his talents to Los Angeles after a shocking trade between Edmonton and the Kings. Los Angeles had more reason to celebrate as the Lakers defeated Detroit to win back-to-back NBA titles.

The past year may have been the most devastating, especially to baseball. First outgoing Commissioner Peter Ueberroth opened an investigation into Pete Rose and allegations that he bet on baseball. In August new Commissioner Bart Giamatti bans Rose from the game for life. A week later the baseball world is stunned again as Giamatti dies from a heart attack. Baseball is dealt one more blow. Moments before the start of Game 3 of the World Series in San Francisco, northern California is rocked by a killer earthquake, delaying the Series for 10 days.

As if baseball's troubles were not enough, Johnson admits that he did use steroids at a Canadian drug inquiry. Then Oklahoma University football coach Barry Switzer resigns under pressure after a rash of problems on and off the field plague his program. Switzer's quarterback Charles Thompson is arrested for selling cocaine to an undercover cop, four Sooners are charged with raping an OU student and following an argument one Sooner player shoots one of his teammates.

The coming decade represents a new beginning. For many sports whose images have been tarnished with wrong-doings and escalating ticket cost it is an opportunity to return sport back to its proper place in our society.

Wrestlers ranked fourth

By DAVID HERZ
Sports page editor

The BCC wrestling team earned Region III Team of the Week following a strong showing at the Delhi Thanksgiving Tournament. After finishing in last at the tourney in 1988, the Hornets posted a third place finish.

Jim Strawn and Jamie Cooper headed the Hornets effort by capturing the individual championships at 129 and 180 pounds respectively. The Hornets also had a second place finish at 161 pounds by Rich Potochniak. Tim Howell took third at 170, and at 153 Mike Wescott took fourth and Shawn Picarsic placed sixth.

Broome then headed to Niagara for another tourney and placed eighth in a very competitive field. Coach Mike Carra said that the Niagara Tourney is the most competitive event the Hornets will attend and that at least five of the teams that competed will be ranked in the top 20 in

the nation.

Potochniak was the top Broome finisher taking second place as he improved his record to 7-2. Mike Wescott took home second place at Niagara and Jim Strawn, who shares the team lead for victories with Potochniak, placed sixth.

Broome has had one dual meet and dropped a tough 30-16 decision to Cobleskill. The Hornets were without three regulars due to class conflicts and had to forfeit those matches.

The Hornets were ranked fourth in the Region in the most recent poll trailing only Delhi, Alfred and Niagara. BCC will be in action on Wednesday December 6 at SUNY-Morrisville and on December 9 at Mohawk Valley.

The Hornets make their home debut on Saturday January 13 when they host the Hornet Invitational Tournament. This years tourney features a 12-team field which includes a number of teams from outside Region III, the way the local players have blended with others.

Hughes named to All-Region

BCC soccer standout John Hughes was named to Region III first-team all-star squad. Hughes led the Hornets in assists this season and ranked second in goals scored.

Last year Hughes was named to the

All-Region second-team. The team is voted on by all the coaches in the region III area.

Coach Edwin Daub said due to the teams poor record it is even more gratifying that Hughes was recognized by the regional coaches.

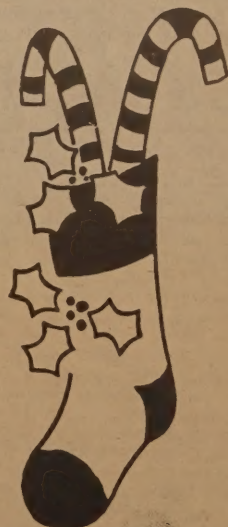
Region III wrestling rankings

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| 1. Delhi | 7. Corning |
| 2. Alfred | 8. Cobleskill |
| 3. Niagara | 9. Fulton-Montgomery |
| 4. Broome | 10. Monroe |
| 5. Morrisville | 11. Tompkins-Cortland |
| 6. Mohawk Valley | |

FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU...

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY
HOLIDAY SEASON!

— THE COMIC STAFF OF
THE FULCRUM



80s top five feats

1. The United States hockey team defeats the Soviets 4-3 en route an Olympic gold medal.
2. American Greg LeMond overcomes a 50-second deficit in the final stage to win the Tour de France.
3. Mary Lou Retton becomes the first American women to win a gold medal in gymnastics.
4. Tennis star Steffi Graf captures the Grand Slam and wins a gold medal in the Olympics in the same year.
5. Speedskater Eric Helden wins five gold medals in five events.

Hornets start slowly

BCC looks to sharpen rough edges

by DAVID HERZ
Sports page editor

After dropping their first four contests of the season, the BCC mens basketball team regrouped to capture three of their next four outings.

"The team showed some character coming back and winning three of four like that," said head coach Herb Richmond. "I just wish we had shown some of that character a little earlier and maybe we wouldn't have lost those games."

Richmond said that part of the Hornets problems early on have stemmed from a lack of concentration.

"Sometimes we just don't have our heads into the game," Richmond said. "Part of our problem on offense is that not everyone knows where he should be all the time and defensively there are times that we just are not getting back. Our court awareness is not very good some of the time."

The Hornets roster features six players with some college basketball playing time. So Richmond won't allow a lack of experience as an excuse.

"Not having a great deal of experience hurt us little," he said, "but the players have to understand the competitive arena of college basketball. They have to work hard everyday. Not just the day before or after a game."

I don't think we've played a team yet that we couldn't beat. The mental lapses are really hurting us. We had won two in a row and then we let down and lose to Jefferson. We came back the next night and beat Canton and I think they were a better team than Jefferson."

The Hornets (3-5) have had some bright in the beginning part of the campaign.

"We've been doing a pretty good job of rebounding, we're boxing out well," Richmond said. "I'm also pleased with the versatility this team has. We have a great deal of depth on the team, something we lacked last year. I've been able to get the players off the bench some good minutes."

BCC plays three more games before



BCC's Todd Kwiatkowski attempts to block a Jefferson CC pass. (Robyn Gellineau photo)

the end of the semester. There are a number of things Richmond would like to get accomplished before the Hornets begin the second half of their schedule.

"We need to improve our outside shooting. We're shooting about 40-45% as a team and the outside shooting is even worse than that. We have to play better man-to-man defense. We're not getting back quick enough on defense."

We are hoping to get a big game from Jim DeSantis inside. He is a key player for us inside and he has struggled a little early on. We need him to really go off one game and get things going. I also hope we can win one of these next two road games. I think a victory on the road

would give us alot of confidence."

The final area that remains a problem for Richmond is having the players get to know each other and the system better.

"We have to become a more cohesive unit. It is difficult to mesh players from all different programs into a working group. The players have to learn each others abilities and know the right situation to give the ball to a guy. In college ball the players don't have to be as disciplined. You have to play to the flow of the game."

The Hornets will play their final home game of the semester on Sunday, December 10 at 2 p.m.

David
Herz



The 1980s... a look back

The sports world will never be the same. The 1980s has left its mark forever and will be remembered as the decade that revolutionized sport. Escalating salaries, drug use, new academic standards, strikes and cries of racism dominated sports pages throughout our nation.

The 80s began on what may be the greatest moment in America's sports history. On a cold February evening in Lake Placid the U.S. hockey team shocked the world as it upset the Soviets 4-3. Two days later the Americans completed the miracle with a win over Finland to gain the gold medal.

However, April of 1980 may have been a better indicator of what lay ahead. Rosie Ruiz was the first women across the finish line at the Boston Marathon but it was later discovered that she had a little advantage. Ruiz did not run the entire race and at one point took the subway. Jacqueline Garreau was crowned the victor.

1980 also marked the beginning of increased involvement of politics in the sports arena. President Jimmy Carter announced that in response to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan the U.S. would participate in the summer games to be held in Moscow. The Soviets responded by boycotting the '84 summer games in Los Angeles.

1981 brought controversy to the race track. Bobby Unser was not officially declared the winner of the Indy 500 until October 8, five months after the event's completion. June of '81 brought two significant happenings. First the Los Angeles Lakers awarded their superstar point guard Magic Johnson an unprecedented 25 year \$25 million contract. Then later that month Major League Baseball comes to a halt as players take to the picket line. The walk-out lasts until August and following the settlement, baseball has an interdivisional playoff for the first time.

The baseball strike of 1981 would not be the only players walkout of the decade. In 1982 the National Football League was the victim of a 57-day strike that limited the regular season to just nine games. Then in 1985 baseball players walk again but this time only for one day. Football incurred its second walkout of the decade in 1987 and this time the owners respond with replacement players. The regulars returned after missing three games and the owners decided that the games played by the "strike players" would count.

1983 saw the sports world lose two of its most distinguished figures. George "Pappa Bear" Halas a pioneer of the NFL and Paul "Bear" Bryant the legendary Alabama coach both passed away. In '83 America fell in love with North Carolina State basketball coach Jim Valvano. The quick-witted Valvano miraculously led his Wolfpack squad to the NCAA Championship.

The United States Football League opened in the summer of '83. The league attempted to gain respectability and pulled

Strong defense helps skaters

By KENT BRONSON
Editor

A strong defense and an effective first line has helped the BCC hockey team to a 3-3-1 start according to second-year coach Joe Drotar.

The Hornets were 9-19-1 last season, but with the early season success he does not anticipate a repeat performance.

"This team is a lot better than last year," Drotar said. "They have a desire to go farther than teams in the past."

The defense is led by captains Matt Ciancarelli of Cheneago Forks and Rob Brown of Susquehanna Valley. Drotar has been pleased with the play of the defense and has been able to use three lines.

Offensively the first line of John O'Neil, Dave Blakeslee and Rob Weingartner have been very effective. Drotar said the second and third lines have shown improvement and have combined to be a strong unit. De-

veloping the other lines will be important to Broome's success.

"We really don't have one stand-out player," Drotar said. "Our strength this season is the teams depth."

The Hornets are 0-3 in the New York State Junior College League. The three losses include a one goal setback to North Country, a four goal loss to Hudson Valley and a 9-4 loss to Erie. The Hornets were winless in the NYSJUCO League last year and despite dropping their first three league contests this year Drotar sees positives.

"The games against our league opponents have been close," Drotar said. "We're hoping to beat these teams the second time around and if we do I think we have a good chance to go the playoffs."

Part of Broome's early success is the result of Drotar's recruiting effort. Of the 22 players on the roster, six are from outside the area. Drotar is pleased with

the way the local players have blended with the others.

Drotar says that there has been no lack of effort on this year's team.

"This is a very hard working and intense team," Drotar said. "They have made a strong commitment to the game and they have alot of enthusiasm."

Broome will play its last home game of the semester Saturday December 9 against SUNY-Albany. The Hornets play their home contests at Polar Cap Ice Rink in Chenango Bridge.

Attention!!

The weight room and fitness lab will be operate on the following schedule during break:

M-F 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and
4 - 6 p.m.